Catch The Spirit!

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Grom The Flight Deck

Greetings to all fellow members in Group II. We all have an important role to accomplish the missions of the Civil Air Patrol and I would like to thank each of you for the time and effort you give as you serve in your local unit.

Whatever your reason for having joined the Civil Air Patrol, I trust that you are enthused about what we do and your part in that. As I have mentioned before in the CC meetings, "together, we can accomplish much." Each unit and their members need to share their knowledge and time to help one another so that we may achieve our combined missions. And while doing this, let's not forget to have fun as we gain a sense of satisfaction in meeting our goals.

This first effort in our providing a newsletter, along with the website, will help all of us to keep informed of what is happening in Group II. Please lend your support by sending items of interest and photos so that we may publicize them. This way, everyone in Group II may benefit and be encouraged by your unit's activities.

It is a real privilege and an honor to serve as your commander. Again, many thanks to all of you.

Maj. Ed McMillian, Commander-Group II

We Welcome Your Feedback!

PAO's please keep us posted on the happenings and special events planned for your squadron. Submit your articles, information and photos by <u>Sept.1st</u> for our next newsletter.

E-mail your digital camera photos in JPEG.

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Wish you were here! We missed you!

Group II held their first picnic on June 28th at the Payson Airport Park. It was a pleasant afternoon in the tall pines of Payson where CAP members and their guests came together to eat, talk, share stories and get to know each other. We indulged in hotdogs and burgers, grilled to perfection, with salads, baked beans, vegetables & dip, snacks and desserts. Thanks to everyone and kudos to our Payson chefs, John Curtis and Jim Helms.

Commander McMillian welcomed everyone and introduced our special guests, Wing DCS, Operations LTC James Mackey and his lovely wife, Delores. The Mackeys have recently become true Arizonians after relocating here from New Jersey.

Mark Your Calendars!

- ⇒ July 26th—Deer Valley:

 Digital Camera Training

 ES Class
- ⇒ Aug. 2nd & 3rd—Homeland Security SAR, Holbrook
- ⇒ August 14th—Commander's Call, Flagstaff
- ⇒ August 25th thru 27th—the 2003 National Board & Annual Conference in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Hotel
- ⇒ Sept. 20th—Air Fair, Sedona Airport
- ⇒ Oct. 4th—Air Fair, Prescott Airport
- ⇒ October 17th thru 19th—Arizona Wing Conference, Nautical Inn, Lake Havasau.
- \Rightarrow Nov. 1st & 2nd—CLC Class (more to come.)